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(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US, UK Allege Russian-Based Hackers of Global Cyber Espionage Campaign

(U) New York City – The United States and United Kingdom yesterday alleged that Russian government-backed hackers have infected computer routers around the world in a cyber espionage campaign that targeted government agencies, businesses, and critical infrastructure operators. Officials from the US and UK told reporters that they plan to issue a joint alert on the attacks, which target routers that form a key part of the internet infrastructure, in a cyber espionage campaign that could be levered in the future to launch offensive attacks. Officials said the infected routers could be leveraged to launch future offensive cyber operations.

SOURCE: 16 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mississippi – 31 Arrested in Multi-Agency Anti-Gang Operation

(U) Jackson – Federal and state law enforcement officers arrested 31 documented gang members in and around Mississippi's capital city, according to an announcement from US Attorney Mike Hurst and US Marshal George White yesterday. The arrests were the culmination of work by several police departments and other agencies in the metro Jackson area during the previous week. Officials said those arrested were in gangs such as the Gangster Disciples, Vice Lords, Simon City Royals, Latin Kings, and Aryan Brotherhood.

SOURCE: 17 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nevada – Two Targeted in Las Vegas Casino Picnic

(U) Las Vegas – Police were searching yesterday for a man accused of opening fire on a picnic for a group of employees of a Las Vegas Strip casino-resort, killing a woman and critically injuring a man this weekend in what investigators called workplace violence. Authorities say Anthony Wrobel walked up to a table in the gazebo area of a park Sunday evening and shot an executive and a fellow employee of The Venetian at close range. Police said Wrobel, 42, was described as a disgruntled employee of the casino-resort, where he worked for 14 years.

SOURCE: 16 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) South Carolina – Seven Inmates Killed During Prison Riot

(U) Columbia – Inmates armed with homemade knives fought each other for about seven hours over territory and money, leaving seven of them dead in the worst US prison riot in a quarter-century, officials said yesterday. At least 17 prisoners were seriously injured in the riot at Lee Correctional Institution. The first fight started in a dorm about 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, and appeared to be contained before suddenly starting in two other dorms. Cellphones contributed to the trouble, prompting state officials to urge the federal government to change a law and allow prison officials to block the signals from prisoners' phones.

SOURCE: 16 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Utah – 365 Pounds of Marijuana Located During Traffic Stop

(U) Coalville – Utah Highway Patrol troopers yesterday seized more than 300 pounds of marijuana on

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Interstate 80, the state Department of Public Safety said. According to State Bureau of Investigation agents (SBI), who are conducting the investigation, the marijuana originated in Northern California and was headed to Minnesota. SBI agents estimate each pound of the drug would have sold for \$2,500, totaling about \$890,000 for all 356 pounds.

SOURCE: 16 April 2018, [The Salt Lake Tribune](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Iraq – Iraq Executes 11 Convicted of Terrorism**

(U) Baghdad – Iraq has executed 13 people including 11 convicted on charges relating to "terrorism," the justice ministry said yesterday. They included individuals responsible for car bombings, "killings of security forces personnel", and kidnappings, without specifying dates, locations, or other details of the attacks. The executions are the first since the beginning of the year in Iraq, which—according to rights group Amnesty International—put to death at least 111 people in 2017.

SOURCE: 16 April 2018, [Associated Foreign Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Mayor Gunned Down in Western Mexico

(U) Jilotlan de los Dolores – The mayor of Jilotlan de los Dolores, a city in the western Mexican state of Jalisco, was gunned down over the weekend, according to officials. Municipal police found the body of Juan Carlos Andrade, a member of the Citizens Movement party, on Sunday. At least 80 politicians have been murdered in Mexico since 8 September 2017, when campaigning for 2018 general elections began.

SOURCE: 16 April 2018, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

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